

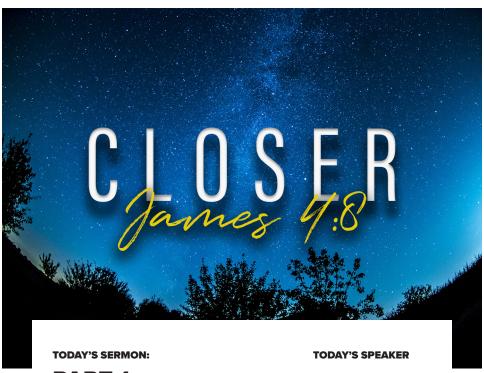
# FREEDOM CHURCH

AMERON PARK

**TODAY'S DATE** JAN 7, 2024

SERVICE TIMES 9 & 10:30 AM

NURSERY (BIRTH-4) | KIDS CHURCH (K-6) Opens at 10:15 AM | Dismissed after worship



# **PART 1:** CONSECRATE

JAMES 4

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# PART 1: CONSECRATE

JAMES 4



**2 Corinthians 5:7** "We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure."

**James 4:8** "Come close to God, and God will come close to you."

CONSECRATE YOURSELF: the act of dedicating oneself to the specific purposes or intentions of God. It's a very deliberate act that requires a person to stop doing pretty much everything else that's in the diary to focus purely and entirely on the things that God is doing.

Exodus 19:9-11 "Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you." Moses told the LORD what the people had said. 10 Then the LORD told Moses, "Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing. 11 Be sure they are ready on the third day, for on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai as all the people watch."

# Three benefits of coming close to God

1	PREPARE YOU FOR GOD'S			
	God's presence transcends			
	all and			
	barriers.			

**Genesis 28:16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!"

3	<b>GIVES US</b>	OVER	THE
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**John 10:10** "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

2 Corinthians 2:11 "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."

**Ephesians 6:11-12** "Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

You are as close to God as you \_\_\_\_\_

# **DISCUSSION IGNITERS**

- Read Romans 7:21-24. Talk about the spiritual warfare that goes on within all of us?
- Romans 7: 25 gives us the solution to the inward battle we face. What is the answer and how does that give us victory?
- Read **James 4:7-10**. What are the various steps needed to walk in victory?
- While God is Omnipresent (He is everywhere at the same time). There are times we are not sensitive to His presence. What can we do in order to be more sensitive to the presence of God?
- Pastor used the analogy of a car getting out of alignment to us being out of alignment with God. Can you explain how the problems are similar with our car and us? (i.e. steering, tire wear and fuel economy)
- How do you get a spiritual alignment? Isaiah 40:31
- Coming closer to God gives us spiritual strength and wisdom to identify and resist the devil. Do you believe that?
- **2 Corinthians 2:11** "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes." Have you ever been "outwitted" by the enemies schemes? What are some ways that people fall into the enemies traps?
- What are you going to do these 21 days to draw closer to God?

# **THE LATEST**



# **PRAYER NIGHT**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

▼ Freedom Church Sanctuary



# **NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

▼ Freedom Church



# **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**▼** Freedom Church Cafe



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

January 8-28

Today we're starting our 21 days of prayer and fasting and hope you join along. Biblical fasting always has to do with eliminating distractions for a spiritual purpose; it hits the reset button of our soul and renews us from the inside out. Be sure to join us for prayer Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Fasting guides are available in the foyer.

### **NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

Sunday January 28 at 5 PM

Join us as we end our time of fasting with a celebration of what God has done through these 21 days and to continue to pray for what he will do.

"I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." (Philippians 1:6)

#### **CONVOY OF HOPE**

Items needed by Sunday, January 21 — Packing day Thursday, January 25

This month we will be focusing on blessing the ministry of Convoy of Hope. Convoy of Hope provides resources for disasters and compassion work in the US and abroad. Please designate a special gift to Convoy this month or help us by providing 100 emergency hygiene kids. Items needed for the kits include: toothpaste (regular size), toothbrush, comb, stick deodorant, travel shampoo, hand towel and a bar of soap. Items may be dropped off in the designated box in the church foyer.



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